

State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-026

WHEREAS, on or about June 20, 2003, the Jenny Fire in the Gila National Forest was joined by the Seco Fire in the same vicinity;

WHEREAS, the US Forest Service Incident Management Team requested the use of National Guard assets to move firefighters over rough forest roads; and

WHEREAS, this situation presents an immediate and direct threat to the health, safety, and well-being of the fire fighters involved at the scene.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby direct the Adjutant General to order into service any elements of the New Mexico National Guard as are or may be needed to provide military support to the Incident Command Team at the Jenny and Seco Fires. This action is pursuant to and in accordance with Section 20-1-6 and 20-4-3A New Mexico Statutes Annotated, 1978 Compilation, as amended. Such emergency assistance will be provided during the period of need at the discretion of the Governor's Authorized Representative. This declaration is not made pursuant to Section 6-7-1 through 6-7-3 NMSA 1978, as amended.

ATTEST

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS 27th DAY OF JUNE, 2003.

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON SECRETARY OF STATE WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

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BILL RICHARDSON

GOVERNOR